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CHRISTMAS TREES NOW APPEAR
IN WASHINGTON MARKET.

Price of the Trees Are Steadily Advancing—Sprays of Mistletoe, Laurel and Pine Command Big Price—Enormous Business.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Christmas tree has made its annual appearance in Washington market. Expecting to reap a rich harvest this season, the vendors have begun to whip their stock to the city a few days earlier than usual. The air in the vicinity of the market is already filled with a strong aromatic odor of fir and pine, and before the close of the week the trees will be piled up in such big stacks that it will not be difficult for the passer-by to imagine himself in a forest.

The Christmas tree trade in New York is a large business. Each year it requires many hundred carloads of trees to supply the city and its suburbs. One dealer estimated today that a million Christmas trees are brought into New York in the two weeks before Christmas, some of them, however, going to New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Of late years the price of the choice trees has been steadily mounting a little higher each year. The trees in Maine and Canada are becoming scarcer each year and it requires more labor to market trees than in former years. All the available trees along the railroads have been cut and now the dealers are compelled to haul the trees some twenty to twenty-five miles before they can ship them on cars. Labor is higher than ever before, and land owners are seeking a profit, which some years ago, was unthought of, as they were glad to have their lands cleared without expense, the farmers generally giving the trees for the cutting.

Almost as important as the trade in trees is the business of supplying Christmas greens to the metropolitan market. Of late years this has increased to a greater extent than has the Christmas tree market. Mistletoe is reported scarce this year and will be the aristocrat in price. The smallest sprays to be bought at the street booths will probably bring 25 cents. Holly promises to be abundant, full of berries and not expensive. Laurel and pine wreaths will also be extensively used for church and hotel decoration.

OKLAHOMA BANK ROBBED.

First State Bank at Asher. Looted. Robbers Secure \$3,000.
Asher, Okla., Dec. 14.—Unknown robbers blew open the safe of the First State Bank here last night. They secured \$3,000 in silver and currency. The bank was insured and is running today, as a relief fund has been secured from Shawnee. The owners from Shawnee are hot on the trail of the robbers.

Incubator Baby Case Again.

Ardmoreite Special.
Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 14.—The famous incubator baby case, which has been in the Kansas City courts for many months, will come up in district court for a new trial, which was argued on an order from the supreme court to which the case had been appealed. The litigation grew out of a quarrel over the ownership of the St. Louis world's fair incubator baby, a Mrs. Blackley, who now has the infant in her possession, claiming to be the mother. She is now a fugitive outside the court's jurisdiction, the district court here having awarded the baby to Mrs. Barclay, who secured the baby from the world's fair commissionaries after a long and sensational trial that attracted national attention. Mrs. Blackley, the alleged mother, has appealed through an attorney for a rehearing of the case, and it is upon this application that Judge Smart will pass today.

Searching for Missing Man.

Atoka, I. T., Dec. 13.—A posse of forty armed men is scouring the country near here in search of J. Roach, a prominent farmer and cattle buyer, who disappeared suddenly two weeks ago.

Roach lives eight miles from this city and when he left home took \$400 with him to buy cotton. He started for the town of Peck and an investigation shows that he arrived there, and after eating his dinner attended to necessary business preparatory to a cotton buying trip.

The only clue which has been found of the man was his horse and overcoat near Peck. The horse was wandering about in the woods and there

is nothing to indicate whether Roach was attacked or wandered away.

A diligent search is being made with the hope of finding the missing man.

ARMY CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Salvation Army Adopts a New Plan to Secure Funds.

The commanders of the Salvation Army corps in this city have hit upon a novel plan to gather a fund which will assist in furnishing a Christmas dinner for the city's poor. In many of the principal stores of the city, a small box painted white with a slit in the top for the coins to be dropped in, have been placed. A card bearing the quotation, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men," and the words, "Kindly help the Salvation Army give you Free Christmas Dinners," is attached to the box. In every district of the city these boxes have been placed and the army expects to receive quite a liberal donation from the residents of Ardmore. Besides this they will make a house-to-house canvass for donations from the ladies in the way of cakes, pies, and Christmas eatables.

Capt. Franklin stated that they hoped in this manner to be able to feed all the poor in the city Christmas day. The army has had this plan to furnish a big Christmas dinner for the poor on foot for the past month or more and have been working to that end.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Schools and Colleges of This City Will Give Twelve Days Holiday—No Exercises Will Be Held at Close.

Superintendent Evans of the public schools has decided to grant the pupils a holiday from the 21st of December, next Friday, until the 2nd of January, the first Wednesday in that month. Hargrove College will have the same holidays, turning over and taking up on the same days that the public schools of the city do. Selvidge Business College will observe the same time for their holiday term. In the public schools there will be no public exercises of any kind. Each row, however, will have an afternoon's exercise on Friday before the school closes. These exercises will be confined to the students of the schools. Hargrove and Selvidge Colleges have made no arrangements for Christmas entertainments.

The meeting of the Teachers' association of the two territories to be held at Shawnee during the holidays will claim the attendance of quite a number of teachers from this city. Superintendent Evans states that his teachers were asked in a body. This meeting is considered quite an important one and many of Ardmore's teachers will be in attendance.

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National songs in costume by the National Ladies Quartet. Monday night at the opera house. Matinee at 3:30.

All persons having donations for the Y. M. C. A. Bazaar are requested to leave them at Mrs. Little's residence on Broadway.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING.

Special Called Meeting of the Club for Tuesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the commercial club is to be held at the city hall Tuesday night. At a recent meeting of the directors of the club several propositions which will prove of great benefit to Ardmore should they be carried through, were presented. The directors of the club think it advisable that all members of the club hear the propositions which have been submitted to them and will place them for action before the club Tuesday night.

For the past month more attention has been directed toward Ardmore through the commercial club than for any time heretofore. Hardly a day passed but that some prospective investor visits Ardmore and is chambered with either the secretary of the club, its president or some of the directors. It is true all these propositions do not look good to the club, but there are many which do, and when this is the case all the encouragement, data and assistance possible is given the investor.

Now is the time for Ardmore to reach out after trade, and it will take the combined work of all residents to secure these industries.

The Orio Club will meet with Mrs. Walter Hardy at 2:30 p. m.

MRS. MCCANN.

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Danger in Asking Advice.
When you have a cough or cold do not ask some one what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Hoffman Drug Co.; City Drug Store.

Another Big Clothing Sale

AT
MADDEN'S

Saturday and Monday

Again the opportunity is offered you to save Big Money on a Winter Suit or Overcoat. When Madden says CUT PRICE, everybody knows it means something extra special. You'll find six especially good lines of merchandise on sale at Madden's for two days

Read Every Item Carefully--It Means a Big Money-Saving

Opportunity for you at this store.

Men's Suits at Half Price!

Again Saturday we place on sale a special lot of Men's Clothing. Many of you took advantage of this Great Suit Sale last Saturday; those who failed to do so will have the opportunity **1-2 Price** TODAY. You can get your choice of 50 Men's Suits, at

Men's Overcoats Reduced

Had very little Overcoat weather so far, but its coming yet, get ready for it now. We will help you along by radical price reductions. We do not offer every Overcoat in the store at a cut price, but have picked out about 50 Coats, one or two of a kind and offer them at a price that discounts anybody's sale price. You'll find all sizes in the lot ranging in price from \$6.00 to \$22.50 at the following reductions:

Men's \$6.00 Overcoats now	\$3.75
Men's 7.50 Overcoats now	4.75
Men's 8.50 Overcoats now	5.50
Men's 10.00 Overcoats now	6.50
Men's 12.50 Overcoats now	8.25
Men's 15.00 Overcoats now	9.75
Men's 16.50 Overcoats now	10.75
Men's 18.00 Overcoats now	11.75
Men's 20.00 Overcoats now	13.25
Men's 22.50 Overcoats now	14.75

Heavy Price Cutting in

BOY'S SUITS

An even one hundred of them go in this sale. Suits of all kinds and colors, for boys from 3 to 15 years old, now is your chance to get a Christmas suit for the boy. See how the price is cut:

Boys' \$6.00 Suits cut to	\$3.95
Boys' 5.00 Suits cut to	3.35
Boys' 4.50 Suits cut to	3.00
Boys' 4.00 Suits cut to	2.65
Boys' 3.50 Suits cut to	2.35
Boys' 3.00 Suits cut to	2.00
Boys' 2.50 Suits cut to	1.65

Bargains in Mens' Odd Pants

Frequently we sell a coat and vest out of a man's suit. This leaves us with the Trousers on hand, in this way about seventy-five pairs of odd Pants have accumulated. We have gotten these all together and place them on sale Saturday at prices that will move them out in a hurry. This is your opportunity to get a splendid pair of Pants at a mere fraction of their worth. Here is how the price runs:

Men's \$1.50 Odd Pants now	95c
Men's 2.00 Odd Pants now	\$1.25
Men's 2.50 Odd Pants now	1.50
Men's 3.00 Odd Pants now	1.75
Men's 3.50 Odd Pants now	2.25
Men's 4.00 Odd Pants now	2.50
Men's 4.50 Odd Pants now	2.95
Men's 5.00 Odd Pants now	3.35
Men's 6.00 Odd Pants now	3.75

Splendid Bargains in Ladies' Tailored Suits

We just couldn't afford to pass the ladies by without giving something special. They have been such loyal customers in helping us to such successful selling in our Ladies' Suit Department. For Saturday and Monday we offer some

Lot No. 1 contains even 30 Suits and while it's true most of them are from last season, in most cases you wouldn't know it if we were not honest enough to tell you. Many of the Suits can be worn without your most critical friend suspecting it to be a last year's Suit. Note the cut prices for Saturday and Monday and don't think because we said last year's suits, that the bargain is not a good one. Quantities and prices as follows:

6 Regular \$7.50 Suits, one-third off	\$5.00
5 Regular \$10.00 Suits, one-third off	\$6.65
2 Regular \$12.50 Suits, one-third off	\$8.35
5 Regular \$15.00 Suits, one-third off	\$10.00
2 Regular \$18.00 Suits, one-third off	\$12.00
7 Regular \$20.00 Suits, one-third off	\$13.35
3 Regular \$22.50 Suits, one-third off	\$15.00
1 Regular \$27.50 Suit, one-third off	\$18.35

10 Ladies' Tailored Suits at Half Price

In every case the skirt is worth far more than you pay for the Suit. Don't pass it up, but come and see what you can get at HALF PRICE.

1 Regular \$6.25 Suit, Half Price	\$6.25
1 Regular \$7.50 Suit, Half Price	\$7.50
3 Regular \$10.00 Suits, Half Price	\$10.00
1 Regular \$11.25 Suit, Half Price	\$11.25
3 Regular \$12.50 Suits, Half Price	\$12.50
1 Regular \$17.50 Suit, Half Price	\$17.50

Some Shoe Bargains

For Saturday and Monday—Good Shoes, every pair of them, but few of a kind, hence the necessity of radical price cutting to clean them out.

Lot No. 1 contains 35 pairs of Dorothy Dodd Patents; French heels, sizes from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2, worth 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50—a splendid opportunity to buy a dressy shoe; for Saturday and Monday they go at **1-2 Price**

Lot No. 2—About 75 pairs of odds and ends in Ladies' Kid Button and Lace Shoes, splendid values but few pairs of a kind; all sizes from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2, worth 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50; will be sold Saturday and Monday at **1-2 Price**

Lot No. 3—75 pairs Misses' and Children's Shoes; all styles, all leathers, but very few pairs of the same style; good values worth 1.50 to 2.00 on sale at **1-3 Off**

Lot No. 4—Contains 50 pairs Boys' Shoes, all leather, all sizes. No two pairs the same, worth 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50 Saturday and Monday will sell at **1-3 Off**

Men's Odd Vests

For a song. We can't tell how, nor why, but somehow we have accumulated about fifty Men's Odd Vests, most all sizes in the lot, worth from 75c to \$2.50; you can pick the lot for the small sum of **25c**

Don't forget you'll find Old Santa Claus at Madden's this year
Come buy Toys here You buy them for Less.

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